# FIRED TO DEFEND HIS HOUSE.

CHARLES C. WENTISCH FELT COM-PELLED TO KILL A MAN.

Sylvester L. Reeve Had Pounded on His Door and Tried, He Says, to Climb Into a Window-Fired Twice to Scare Him and After a Warning Shot and Killed.

Svivester Lansing Reeve, 54 years old, an expert cloth examiner employed by the Righy Sponging Works in Wooster street, near Spring, and living at 445 Elton street, Brooklyn, was shot and mortally wounded about midnight of Friday by Charles C. Wentisch, 40 years old, a metal spinner living in Lutheran place, near Broadway, Woodhaven. According to the story told by Wentisch and members of his household, Reeve was shot while trying to break into the Wentisch's house.

Wentisch lives in a one-story frame house, which stands on the south side of Lutheran place and about a quarter of a mile east of Broadway. With him live his wife, seven children and an old man of the name of Thomas Tillett. The family came from Pennsylvania and have lived in the house they now occupy about four months.

The house stands back a few feet from the street. Entrance to it from Lutheran place is gained through a single door, which opens onto a porch, about four feet wide and three feet deep. Three steps connect the porch and the sidewalk. On the west side of the porch is a trellis, up which a honeystickle vine climbs.

off the main hall of the house, to the west is a small living room and off that, still further vest is the bedroom occupied by Wentisch and his wife.

There is one window in each of the rooms. with a northern exposure. The sills of both windows are not more than three feet from the ground. The window in Wentisch's bedroom is about fifteen feet west of the porch. Beneath the main floor of the house is the basement. There Tilleth, who is deaf, slept.

The Wentisch couple retired a little after 9 o'clock on Friday night. About fifteen minutes before midnight, Mr. and Mrs. Wentisch, according to the story told by both, were awakened by a pounding on the front door. Wentisch threw open the shutters and caled out:

"Who's there and what's wanted? "I want to see Kelly," was the reply of man whom Wentisch saw standing on the porch. He says he thinks he saw two others standing beside the man who answered his question, but of this he is not certain, since he foliage of the honeysuckle vine is pretty thick and there are no street lamps near the

"There's nobody named Kelly living here, and you'd better go along about your busi-

"I know better!" shouted the stranger. \*Kelly's inside, and I'm going to have him. If you don't open the door I'll smash it in."
"If you don't get away," replied Wentisch,

shool, the said this he told his wife to get pistol. The stranger meantime was ering away at the door with his fists

pistol is a big Colt's revolver of five nbers and of .45 calibre. Mrs. Wentisch the pistol and gave it to her husband. By this time the pounding on the front door had awakened all the children, and they were screaming in terror. Two dogs, a bull terrier and a black-and-tan, in kennels at the west of the house set up a furious barking. This annoyed the stranger and larking. This annoyed the stranger and be ceased kicking at the door for a few beends to walk around and kick the dogs. Then he returned to the porch and Wendsch, pistol in hand, leaned far out of the window and shouted:

"I give you fair warning. I have a pistol h my hand and if you don't get out of hereight away. I'll shoot."

ight away I'll shoot."
"Shoot and be damned," replied the tranger cheerfully. "I know you and rou're too big a damned coward to shoot."

Wentisch accepted the challenge and ired twice, he supposed into the air. Yesterday morning one bullet was found mbedled in the plastering in the north wall if the room beneath the window. The ther was just outside the window in the

Wentisch's aim grew steadier, but if expected the stranger to be scared away by a little thing like bullets, he was mistaken. No sooner had the second shot been fired, according to Wentisch's story, han the man leaped from the porch and to climb into the open window of the living room.

He didn't seem to be good at climbing, he returned to the door and began to ek and pound it with renewed vigor. entisch was very argry by this time and, anting himself against the west side of e window, where he could command view of the porch, he shouted:
"I fire to hit this time."

Another kick at the door was the only Bang! Bang! went the old Colt, and two unlets whistled through the honeysuckle

Wentisch says he thinks he saw neb run away after he fired the first two thots. Nobody else did and, as no trace of them has been found, it is probable hat only one man was there. At least, hree men could not find standing room

Immediately after the last two shots and been fired the stranger, without saying a word, walked down the steps and west along Lutheran place to Broadway. Then he came back, coolly entered the tard and sat down on the Wentisch porch wentisch's statement as to this is verified by that of Policeman Charles Smith of the Richmond Hill station, who followed the Sourse the stranger took to Broadway and Lack by bloodspots on the sidewalk, seen early yesterday morning before

who had been aroused by the crie children calling to him, came up from Wentisch went out the back door eached the street some minutes before ranger returned. They went across street to the house of a man named chrempp, to notify the Richmond Hill y telephone. Wentisch and Tillett the opposite side of the street when stranger returned to the porch. ned him sit down and they saw that a time, he appeared to be metionless llett had a lantern and Wentisch had They concluded to go over and look at the nan on the porch. They pool of blood on the steps and the

He said he thought the man was An ambulance from the Jamaica k vesterday morning. The surgeon

The body was taken to the Richmond police station in the ambulance. arrested Wentisch. The man was excited and told his story to Ser-Homer, who was on duty at the station, in a very disconnected fash-le was locked up for the night, ared before Magistrate Healy at Far Queens County jail, at Long Island await the action of Coroner Nuti

puld serve to identify him was an envelope, uthout a letter, addressed to "Col. Reeve, m street, Brooklyn "

arly yesterday morning a policeman of the Richmond Hill station went to address, found that Sylvester L. Reeve I there with his wife, two of his own and an adopted son, Charles Wolff,

Mr. Reeve had not been at home, the liceman learned, since he left there to to work about 6.20 Friday morning, ter the body was identified by Miss Mabel agner Reeve, the dead man's daughter,

#### WAYNE MACVEAGH BACK. Thinks Hague Tribunal Will Take Our View

Wayne MacVeagh, who represented the United States and Venezuela in argument before the Hague tribunal against the preferential payment of claims of Great Britain, Germany and Italy against Venezuela, arrived yesterday by the American liner St. Louis. He said:

"I was permitted to make the opening argument, which occupied two days. Then a recess was taken to Nov. 4, when special counsel for the United States and Venezuela will argue against the preferential paywill speak for it. I think the tribunal will take my view of the case and decide in favor of the United States and Venezuela. There is no truth in the published story that there was friction before the tribunal. We differed before the court met on certain

matters of procedure, but there wasn't the least unpleasantness."

Mr. MacVeagh was accompanied by his wife and daughter. They went to their home at Bryn Mawr, Pa. Other voyagers by the St. Louis were: by the St. Louis were:

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Miss, Hilda Spong, the actress, who will ioin Faversham's company: Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Allerdice, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barclay, Mrs. George C. Boldt, the Hon. Wildiam I. Buchanan, Col. H. Burton, James Elverson, Mrs. Y. M. de Estevez, Miss de Estevez, Mrs. Victor Kauffmann, the Rev. and Mrs. Reuben Kidner, Mr. and Mrs. Lauder, H. de Mandrot, George Pollock, Dr. E. Coleman Savidge, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seligman and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Singer, Miss Jessie Carryl Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Van Norman, Mrs. John S. Ward, Miss Alice Ward, Hugh Ward and Robert Wilson.

#### RALLY OF INDEPENDENTS. They Applaud Speeches Made by McGuire and Sulzberger.

Democrats and independents of the Twenty-third and Thirty-first Assembly districts held a rousing meeting last night at 77 West 125th street.

Edward J. McGuire, fusion candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen, said: "I believe in parties. I'm a Democrat and have the greatest admiration for the principles of my party; but when the party departs from them I must leave it. "Recently I have examined into the record

of Leader Murphy in the old Dock Board, and I have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Murphy is tainted with the rottenness and corruption of the Van Wyck era as and corruption of the Van Wyck era as much as any man, except possibly the members of the gambling combine. "And now that man reaches out his withering hand to Brooklyn to curse that

borough as he has Manhattan and The Bronx. There is but one thing to do-de-Bronx. There is but one thing to do—de-stroy Mr. Murphy as leader of Tammany Hall. With him will fall vice and the rule of the grafters." Cyrus L. Sulzberger, fusion nominee for

Borough President of Manhattan, said:
"We have McClellan's estimate of good
government. When Mayor Van Wyck
was so busy looking after the Ice Trust
that he had no time to look after the vice trust, Mr. McClellan stood up in Tammany Hall and said 'Ours is the honor, ours is the glory.

"If you would return to the conditions which Mr. McClellan has praised so highly sit still. Tammany will do the rest Assistant District Attorney Eaton also spoke and all were loudly applauded

#### PUZZLED THE HONOURABLES. British Guests Asked Why "Washington Streets" Are Always Dingy.

One of the things that puzzled the members of the Honourable Artillery Company of London on their visit to this country was the general dinginess of the various Washington streets which they saw in the

different towns they visited.
"How is it," asked a British Captain, that in most towns the street named for your first President is such an unattractive thoroughfare? Boston's great business street, of course, is an exception; but almost

be lined with squalid tenements or dingy shops and factories."

The Englishman cited Washington street in this city as an example of what he meant, and referred to Washington street, Jersey City, as a desecration of a great name.

His host explained that in the early history of nearly every town, when one or two streets were enough for all its dwellings and business places, one of them was named for Washington, and that as the place grey the dwellers moved back into new neigh the slums and factories.

#### HEAD CAME FROM GRAVEYARD? Doctors See No Murder in Grewsome Find

in Passale River. PASSAIC, N. J., Oct. 17.-The head of a man found in the Passaic River yesterday was dug up by Chief of Police John Chrysteline, of Wallington to-day in the presence of John Musick, who discovered the head and buried it, and others. Physicians who examined it said that they did not think

that the man had been murdered. The marks around the neck were ragged, and the physicians think that the head was washed from some cemetery into the river by the flood. There are several cemeteries on the banks of the river above Paterson, and as many of these are old and not well cared for it is possible that the head was washed into the river from one of them. This afternoon the police found some boys who had seen the head in the water several days before Musick found it, and after an examination had thrown it back

# WOMAN MAY DIE OF SHAME.

Mrs. Angell, Utterly Collapsed, Awaiting Sentence in Queens County Jail.

Mrs. Ella Angell, who was convicted of grand larceny in the second degree in the Queens County Court on Friday, is in a serious condition in the county jail, where she is awaiting sentence which will be pronounced to-morrow. She was accused f appropriating \$320 and some personal effects belonging to Mrs. Lillian Angell. effects belonging to Mrs. Lillian Angell.

The woman has utterly collapsed, and the warden believes her life is in danger. She has previously had an excellent reputation, and the disgrace of her conviction has overwhelmed her. Her husband is an engineer for the Consolidated Gas Company of Manhattan, and she has two pretty. Manhattan, and she has two pretty daughters, aged 19 and 17 years

### The Standard Makes a Third Advance in Price Within a Month.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 17. Owing to the falling off in the production of crude oil the Standard Oil Company has made the third advance within a month in the price of petroleum. The operators are conof petroleum. The operators are confident that \$2 a barrel will be paid soon. The object of the advance is to stimulate operations. With low priced oil few attempts are made to find new fields. There have been no new strikes of importance

for a year or more. Pennsylvania crude is quoted at \$1.71 barrel, while Whitehouse crude, which has been bringing \$1.38, has been reduced

Rich Kentuck) Farmer to Join Dowie DANVILLE, Ky., Oct. 17. Thomas Metcalf, one of the wealthiest farmers in central Kentucky, has disposed of all his properties in Boyle and Lincoln counties and will in Boyle and Lincoln countes and will leave here next week to join Elijah Dowie's host at Zion City, though it is probable he may first go to New York and join in the crusade begun by Dowie there to-day. Mr. Metcalf is one of the most substantial

#### men of this community. Registration in Albany

ALBANY, Oct. 17. There is much interest in the pending municipal campaign in this eity. The expectations are that the Re-publican Mayoralty ticket will win by a decided majority. The registration, which closed to-night, was 25.382. The registra-tion for the municipal election of 1901 was 35.052.

# WM. SPARGER TRIES SUICIDE.

CANTOR OF TEMPLE EMANU-EL SEEKS DEATH.

Cuts His Throat and Wrists and Takes Morphine in a Philadelphia Hotel -Ill-Health Probably the Cause

There's Little Hope of His Recovery. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.- William Sparger cantor of the Hebrew Temple Emanu-El of New York, attempted to commit suicide to-day at the Hotel Walton by slashing his ment, and counsel for the blockading powers | throat and wrists and taking morphine. He was taken to the Jefferson Med cal Hospital, where to-night the physicians could offer

little hope for his recovery. Mr. Sparger registered at the Hotel Walton early this morning. He paid in advance and displayed a large roll of notes as he did so. About an hour later a maid noticed the door of the apartment open and entered. She saw Sparger lying on a couch in the room with blood flowing from several gashes in his throat and both wrists. A razor, open and blood stained was on the floor. As the patrol crew was carrying Sparger into the hospital, he half raised himself from the stretcher and said:

"I am all cut. I am soaking and cold." His clothing from his neck to his feet was saturated. He severed the tendons of his wrists. He requested that Rabbi Henry Berkowitz of the Rodef Shalom Synagogue, Broad and Mount Vernon streets, his friend, be notified. Rabbi Berkowitz telephoned to Mr. Sparger's

family in New York. The motive that led Sparger to try to kill himself is not known, although it is believed that ill health was the cause. He told a physician at the hospital that he had wanted to die for some time and that five days ago he attempted suicide at a Washington hotel by drinking chloral.

Mr. Sparger's home is at the Hohen-Mr. Sparger's home is at the Hohenzollern apartment house, at 73 East Ninetieth street, where he lived with his
wife and daughter Jessie. Miss Sparger
said last night that her father disappeared about ten days ago, shortly after
the Jewish holidays. He had been doing
the work of two men for two years, she
said and had undergone a great mental said, and had undergone a great mental

strain.

A few days after he disappeared he sent A few days after he disappeared he sent a letter to Rabbi Silverman of Temp.

Emanu-El, saying that he had suffered a general breakdown and begging forgiveness for taking a vacation without notifying the rabbi.

The first Mr. Sparger's family heard from him since he left home was vester-

from him since he left home was yester-day morning, when they got a telegram from him saying that he had left the Colum-bia University Hospital in Washington and expected to be in Atlantic City last

and expected to be in Adams of the Cannight.

Mr. Sparger was president of the Cantor's Association of America. He has
been at Temple Emanu-El for about
ten years, and his salary is supposed to
be one of the largest, if not the largest,
of his class in the country. His voice is
something remarkable. He took part in
all the services and ceremonies of the holidays until last week. lays until last week.

#### BOOKKEEPER STOLE \$500. Thomas C. Miller, Arrested, Confesses That He Falsified His Accounts.

Thomas C. Miller, for four years the confidential bookkeeper for the firm of Plate & Clark, knitting goods manufacturers at 408-10 Berry street, Williamsburg, was arrested last night on a charge of forgery and grand larceny. He was accused of having falsified his books and

accused of having falsified his books and robbed his employers of \$500.

Miller is 32 years old and lives at 47 Brevoort place. According to his story to the police, he lived beyond his means and

Louis D. Gallison, editor of the American Hatter, died yesterday afternoon in his home at 83 Highland avenue, Orange, after an illness of about a week. He was until recently postmaster of Orange and had served as president of the Orange Common Council. president of the Orange Common Council. He was born in Marblehead, Mass., fifty years ago. He became editor of the American itatier in 1881. He subsequently organized the Gallison & Hobron Company and purchased that paper, as well as several other journals connected with the hat trade. He was president of this company and also of the Winthrop Press of New York. He took an active part as secretary and treasurer of the tariff committee of the fur hat trade in obtaining additional protection to that contemplated by the Wilson law, and he was one of the organizers of the Hatters' Sound Money League during the two McKinley campaigns. He was a former president of the American Trade Press Association, secretary of the Hat Jobbers' Association of America, a member of the Aidine Club and the New York Typotheta, the New England Society of Orange, Hope Lodge, F. and A. M. and other fraternal orders. His widow, a daughter and two sons survive him. The funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon in the Orange Valley Congregational Church. He was born in Marblehead, Mass., fifty years

funeral services will be field on Irdesuy arterionous in the Orange Valley Congregational Church.

Joseph E. Morris, the head of the wholesale grocery firm of Joseph E. Morris & Co., at 133 Chambers street, died early yesterday at his home, 118 East Sixteenth street, of heart disease, in his sixty-seventh year. Mr. Morris was born in this city. In 1860, with William H. Wickham, afterward Mayor, he went into the grocery business, the specialty of the firm being the supplying of the streamship trade. In his youth Mr. Morris was an athlete, and when he was 20 years old he won the State championship in the 100-yard dash at the Crystal Palace. He was the sixteenth man to join the New York Athletic Club. To his running Mr. Morris attributed, in recent years, the heart trouble from which he died. He was the managing director of the North River Steamship Company and was a member of the Tammany Society. He leaves a widow and three sons.

Joseph E. Sheffield, who was a member of the brok erace firm of Charles Hathaway & Co., at 45 Wall Street, died on Friday, of a complication of diseases at his home, 143 East Thirty-ninth street. He was in his thirty-second, year. Mr. Sheffield was a grandson of John A. Stewart, who was until recently president of the United States Trust Company, and of Joseph Sheffield, the founder of the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, In 1901, he married Louisa Potter, the daughter of Edward C. Potter and a niece of Bishop Potter. She survives him He was graduated from Yale in 1894, and was a member of the Yale, University, Racquet and Ardeley Field Clubs.

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member of the Yale, University, Racquet and Ardsley Field Clubs.

Benjamin F. Stephens, a prominent resident of the Flatbush district, Brooklyn, died on Friday night, at his home, 1284 Flatbush avenue, in his sixty-fourth year. He was a hydraulic engineer, and built the Flatbush Water Works, the New Utrecht Water Works and several other similar works. He was the inventor of the Stephens hand vise and other mechanical devices. He had long been active in the Presbyterian denomination, and at one time was a deacon in the Lafayette avenue church. He was one of the founders of the Immanuel Church, Flatbush. A wife, three sons and two daughters survive him.

Joseph Chamur Pool, of the firm of George Pool's Sons, wholesale paint dealers in Brooklyn, died at his home on Thursday. He was born in Bay Ridge, Jan. 4, 1842. He was an organizer and trustee of the Ridge Club and a life member of the Long Island Historical Society. He was an elder in the South Reformed Church and very active in church circles. He is survived by one son. Dr. George E. Pool.

Prof. Charles E. Greene, dean of the department of engineering at the University of

George E. Pool.

Prof. Charles E. Greene, dean of the department of engineering at the University of Michigan, and famous the world over as an engineer, died suddenly on Friday night of paralysis of the heart in Ann Arbor, aged 60 years. His book on determining the strains in bridge building revolutionized that business, it is said, and has been adopted as a text book by many European universities. Lieutenant tommander Martin Bevington, of the United States battleship Kentucky, is dead at the home of his mother in Mansfield, Ohio. He was it years old and unmarried. He was on a furlough after four

Mediterranean.

Jesus Montoya died at Agua Tria village,
N. M., yesterday, aged 107 yests. He was a
native of Agua Tria, and never lived more
than twelve miles away from it.

#### PLAGUE DANGER AT HONG KONG. Only Measure of Safety Seems to Be to Wipe Out the Native City.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Oct. 17 .- The recurrence of the bubonic plague every spring at Hong Kong, and the fact of its breaking out simultaneously at two or three unconnected neighborhoods led Sir Henry Blake, the Governor of the colony, to make experiments with the object of discovering the source of the

A block of native houses containing several thousand inhabitants, which was certified as being free of the plague, was selected for examination of vermin as the first step. The result was startling. Fleas, cockroaches and spiders were found to be unmistakably infected with the germs of the plague. The bite of these insects is sufficient to introduce the germ.

A further test revealed a more disturbing source of infection in samples of blood taken from many healthy inhabitants. which were forwarded to the bacteriological department. Plague germs were discovered in at least 5 per cent. of these samples. Thus in the hot season each of these was a probable centre of danger, although there

was no apparent contact with the disease. The only cure seems to be the destruction of the native town and the erection of a new and clean one which can be kept under sanitary control

#### LACK OF INTELLIGENT MEN. Prof. Pearson Says Be st Mental Stock Is Not Reproducing Itself as Formerly.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SU LONDON, Ce. 17. Prof Karl Pearson of the Anthropological Institute took as the subject for his Huxley memorial lecture the inheritance in man of the mental and moral characters and its comparison with the inheritance of physical characters. The professor, looking dispassionately from the calm atmosphere of anthropology, said he feared there was really a lack of leaders of the highest intelligence in science, the arts, trade and even politics. In Great Britain he saw a want of intelligence in the British merchant, professional man and workman. There was a paucity of more intelligent men to guide those of moderate intelligence. The mentally better stock, he said, was not reproducing itself at the same rate as formerly. He continued:

"We are standing at the commencement of an epoch which is marked by a great dearth of ability. The remedy lies beyond the reach of revised educational systems. It is necessary that psychical characters should not be manufactured by the home, the school or the college, but should be bred in the bone. For the last forty years the intellectual classes have ceased to give the nation a due proportion of good men."

#### DISPUTE VALUE OF OLD PORT Some English Judges Assert That It Im proves After a Century.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Oct. 17.-A newspaper inquire as to who has the oldest port wine has led to a discussion of the value, from a financial and dietetic standpoint, of centenarian port. The oldest wine reported is that of the vintage of 1775. There are others of 1805. 1811, 1820 and 1846, which are reported as perfectly sound.

Connoisseurs and dietists dispute the value of this very old wine. One famous judge declares that he would not give eighteen pence a bottle for a 1775 port, as the spirit added to fortify it must have eaten up all the "flesh." Mr. Yerke Davies, a famous dietist and conncisseur, declares that a good vintage of port, when properly bottled and prepared, will continue to im prove after a century. He recently tasted samples of the vintages of 1767 and 1815. Both were in spler offd condition, the older being the better wine.

Speaking as a dietist of exceptional exvintage and age in cask or bottle might be drunk with impunity by gouty persons, to whom any other bottled wine of the same age would be prohibited.

# TROOPS PARADE IN HAVANA.

HAVANA, Oct. 17.-The embarkation of the two American artillery companies from Cienfuegos and Santiago was delayed to-day because the transport Kilpatrick was not ready to sail, owing to the neces-

sity of taking supplies aboard. There was a procession through the prin cipal streets, but the Cubans were not demonstrative and scarcely a cheer was given to the American soldiers. The Cuban artillerymen, however, received an ovation.

The troops were reviewed at the palace by President Palma, the various secretaries of the Cuban Cabinet and many other officials and Mr. Squiers, the American Minister. Afterward all the soldiers went to the wharf, the Americans forming a line inside and presenting arms to the Cubans, who passed at arms port. The Americans then boarded the launches and went to the transport, which will probably sail early to-morrow morning.

#### UNDER FRENCH PROTECTION. Sultan of Wadal Accepts the Offer and Turkey May Protest.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Paris, Oct. 17 .- A despatch from Tripoli to the Temps says a caravan which arrived Mr. Gladstone. there from Wadai brought news that the Sultan of Wadai had accepted peacefully the proposal for a French protectorate. A French column under Col. d'Estenaves is expected to arrive at Abeshr, the capital in a short time to take possession.

It is probable that Turkey as a suzerain of Tripoli will again formulate a protest

## Kaiser's Favor to Mme. Schumann-Heink

BERLIN, Cct. 17. The contract of Mime. Schumann-he.nk to sing in opera here was dissolved by the express consent of Emperor William when he learned that her income in America would be 400,000 marks, while here she could only earn 18,000 marks. Mme. Schumann-Heink pays a fine of 18,000 marks for breaking her contract with the Royal Opera Company.

#### No Foreign Cardinals to Be Named. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Oct 17. At the consistory which is to be held at the end of November Mgr Calligari, Bishop of Padua, and Mgr. Merry del Val, acting Secretary of State, will be made Cardinals. One of these two will be appointed Papal Secretary of State. No foreign Cardinals will be appointed.

#### Mrs. Potter Palmer Improving Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

PABIS, Oct. 17.-Mrs. Potter Palmer who has been ill of typhoid fever, was reported to-day to be improving slowly. Church is Fifty Years Old.

A six days celebration commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of the German Evangelical Dutch Reformed St. Peter's Church of Williamsburg will be begun to-day in the church edifice at Union avenue and Scholes street.

# STRAIGHT-FORWARD EVIDENCE FROM MEN OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE.

That Pe-ru-na Cures Catarrh Wherever Located.



Peruna as their fam-ily medicine. Mr. Chas. W. Thompson, Member of Congress, Fifth Alabama District, gives the following endorsen ent to Peruna: Washington, D. C.

The Peruna Drug M'f'g. Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:----My cashier has used your Peruna for indigestion with the most unexampled and beneficial results, and I cannot too highly or earnestly recommend its general use.

HON, CHAS, W. THOMPSON.

## Congressman Goodrich Recommends Pe-ru-na.

Fred. S. Goodrich, Shawnee, Okla., ex-member of Congress from Florida, 51st Congress, writes from Washington, D. C.: "I am assured and am satisfied that your Peruna is not only a cure for catarrh, but also a most vigorous tonic. As so many of my friends have been benefited by its use, I have no hesitation in recommending it to the public."—Fred. S. Goodrich.

Peruna has cured more catarrh than all

as Congressman Goodrich of Oklahoma says: "Peruna is not only a cure for catarrh, but also a most vigorous tonic."

These two facts are beyond controversy. Any remedy that operates to tone up the whole nervous system will also operate beneficially upon catarrh.

Catarrh is simply a flabby condition of the mucous membrane. This flabbiness has been brought about by exposure to cold which finally depresses the nerves supplying the mucous membrane.

supplying the mucous membrane.

Peruna operates immediately

### MORLEY'S \$50,000 FEE. Not Large for the Work He Has Done on

Special ( able Despa en to THE S LONDON, Oct. 17.- The Right Hon. John Morley's fee of £10,000 from the publishers of his "Life of Gladstone" is the largest ever paid for a copyright biography in England. The payment of this amount is all the more remarkable, because none of Mr. Morley's previous works has attracted the crowd, and the present achievement is confined to the public life of his hero and

Yet it is a modest reward, compared with what a man like J. M. Barrie makes in a year on the imaginative side of literature. Mr. Morley has given three years to his grateful task. It is more than three years ago that he told the electors of Montrose, before they elected him, that he could not follow local interests in Parliament, as he was engaged in writing a biography of

It was a stipulation in the family that the biography of Gladstone should not appear until five years after the great Liberal leader's death. Since that time Mr. Morley has read over 300,000 documents for the purposes of his work. Most of it was done in Mr. Gladstone's private library at Hawarden and some more in the houses of the descendants of the English statesman of the nineteenth century.

The late Queen Victoria, the story of whose reign has been begun, made a stipulation that the correspondence between her and her thrice Prime Minister, when used, should not be commented upon. The only illumination of this royal frigidity contained in the biography of Mr. Gladstone is a brief and rather pathetic note of the famous Liberal Prime Minister, mentioning the fact that the first and last time he shook Victoria's hand was the last year of his life, after he had finally retired from politics and was seeking health in the south of France, near where the Queen had gone on the same errand.

Mr. Morley will resume active participation in politics next week with a speech on free trade.

#### The Nashville Sails for Cuba Special Cable Desputch to TRE SUN.

Colon, Colombia, Oct. 17. - The gunboat Nashville, which went to St. Andrews to investigate alleged ill-treatment of Americans on that island, sailed to-day for Cuba. The United Fruit Company inaugurated its first shipment to New Orleans last night by the steamship Beacon. The company announces that arrangements have been made to establish a weekly service.

Advices are momentarily expected from Bogota in regard to the law authorizing the pegotiation of a new Panama Canal treaty.

#### the other remedies combined. It is exactly HUMAN ILLS DUE TO SOAP. Writer in London "Times" Starts an

teresting Discussion. His "Life of Gladstone." Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Oct. 17.-A short letter printed in the Times this week stands out among such all-absorbing topics as the possibilities of war in the near or Far East, the fiscal question and other matters of grave interests. The writer of this letter refers to the announcement that a royal commission is about to be appointed to investigate the physical deterioration of the

English people.

He proceeds to declare the conviction that this deterioration is due to the excessive use of soap, which removes the natural oil given by the Almighty to protect the body, and thus exposes it to rheumatism, chills, disease and dirt. The writer boasts that he has not used soap for thirty years, while all the time he was doing the hardest kind of work at sea, and yet he never had a winge of rheumatism or any other ail-

The appearance of this letter was the signal for a general press investigation into the philosophy of soap. Physicians dermatologists, complexion specialists and even recruiting sergeants have been inerviewed on the subject, with the result that soap comes forth victorious and is declared to be an absolute necessity of life under modern conditions. The Lancet admits that soap is not calculated to make the skin supple, because it removes the natural oil, but cold cream is a remedy for

"Nevertheless," says the Lancet, "not a few people manage to maintain personal cleanliness without the use of soap at all."

#### NOT TO BUY AMERICAN STEEL. Harland & Wolff Say Test of It Was Not Satisfactory.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BELFAST, Oct. 17.—The managers of Harland & Wolff deny that they have contracted with the United States Steel Corporation to supply all the iron and steel they require. They say that a small quantity of American steel which was submitted to them some time ago for experimental purposes failed to withstand the tests and was returned to the consignors. With the exception of certain steel castings and angle iron all the iron and steel they use will be made in the United Kingdom.

proven effective in all cases.

The most distinguished men of the United States have no hesitation in lending their influence to assist in letting the people know of the virtues of Peruna. Nearly one-half the people are in some degree affected by catarrh. Therefore it is almost a national curse and it is of national import that the people should know of Peruna.

Pe-ru-na Cannot Be Imitated. Some things may be successfully imitated, but Peruna cannot be. Every one purchasing Peruna should look out for imitations. Examine each package carefully. If you have ever used Peruna or if you have ever tasted it, you are not in the slightest danger of being misled by these imitations, but all those beginning the use of Peruna should beware.

Beware of imitations. Believe no one who tells you that he has a remedy that is making the same cures that Peruna is making.

If you have any doubt as to the genuine-

ness of the bottle of Peruna you are using, write to Dr. Hartman, and the fraud, if there be any, will soon be detected. If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The to Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

#### SHOT IN A POLITICAL ROW. One of Percy Nagle's Retainers Wounds & Man in a Midnight Brawl.

Thomas Kenny, 30 years old, a laborer, of 2317 Third avenue, was shot twice early yesterday morning in a saloon fight at 1937 Park avenue. James Hennessey, the owner of the place, was held in the Harlem court without bail yesterday. One bullet passed through Kenny's throat and the other lodged in his left breast.

The police of the East 126th street station. learned that the fight was started over a political argument. Hennessey is one of ex-Street Cleaning Commissioner Percy Nagle's followers. He says Kenny, who

### doesn't like Nagle, started an argument to provoke a fight. MGR. EDWARDS VICAR GENERAL He Will Assist Dr. Lavelle When Mgr. Moe

ney Becomes Bishop Mgr. John Edwards, rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, on East Fourteenth street, was yesterday made the third Vicar General of New York.

Mgr. Mooney, who is first vicar, is soon
to be made Bishop, according to report,
thus leaving Dr. Michael J. Lavelle, rector
of the Cathedral, the chief vicar, with Mgr. Edwards as his assistant. Archbishop Farley made Mgr. Edwards director of all the convents about a month ago.

Mgr. Mooney, who has been at Mount
Clemens, Mich., for a month, returned
yesterday, much improved in health.

ART SALES AND EXHIBITIONS.

SALE TO-MORROW.

New York Art Galleries, 2 West 28th Street.

# EXECUTOR'S SALE.

The entire fitments of the Tefft mansion at treat Barrington, Mass., are now being sold at unreserved auction by order of Geo. C. Clark, Esq., executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Enma A. Tefft Wm. B. Ellison, Esq., attorney for executor.

The most valuable of the goods are now being reached, including the silver, porcelains, bronzes, draperies and dining and parlor furniture.

This sale is an extraordinary one, as everything is of the highest grade.

The furniture is from such makers as Davenport and Marcotte.

The clocks, silver, glass, porcelains, ivories, curios and table services are from Tiffany curios and table services are from Tiffany curios and table services are form Tiffany curios.

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The carpets and draperies were supplied by W. & J. Sloane and Arnold, Constable The library, of about 3,000 volumes, con-tains many sets of limited subscription edi-

Sale Monday, October 19th, at 2.30 P. M. Sale commences with Lot No 1,000.

N. B.—The enormous variety and excellent quality of these goods are extraordinary. There are over two pieces of solid silver and whole services of Coalport, Sevres, Minton and Royal Worcester

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